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The School of Law is a distinct school within the University and, subject to the general regulations governing the various schools, makes and administers its own laws with reference to admission and graduation. The faculty is composed of the duly elected members of the instructing staff and meets in regular session on the first Monday of each month during the scholastic year.

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History

The School of Law was established by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 1925, and was opened September 15, 1925. In 1928, it graduated its first class.

In 1927, the School of Law was placed on the list of law schools approved by the American Bar Association, and it was recognized by the Texas Supreme Court and the State Board of Legal Examiners as a school whose graduates are licensed to practice law in Texas without taking the bar examinations. In 1929, it was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools.

Libraries

The Law Library now contains about 11,000 carefully selected books, which are housed in its own library rooms. The Law Library is open to all students from 8:00 a. m.

to 10.30 p. m. every day except Sunday. It is being constantly added to by purchase, and by gift from friends of the school.

The students also have access to the general library of the University, and to the library of the Court of Civil Appeals, which is located in the Dallas County Court House.

Character of Instruction

The method of instruction is the case system. The study, analysis, and discussion of judicial decisions give an effective knowledge of legal principles and develop the power of independent legal reasoning.

Instruction is offered in all branches of the common law, in equity, and in the statutes of the United States and the American states. Especial stress is given to the law of Texas. It is believed that students are best prepared for the practice of law by instruction in the origin, development, and functions of the law, not by instruction merely in the dogmas and precedents of the law.

Regulations and Requirements

The School of Law has its own rules for registration, changing of courses, examinations and reports, grades, continuance in the school, attendance, and graduation. All of these rules are fully set out in the bulletin of the School of Law published in May of each year. With these exceptions all students in the School of Law are subject to the rules and regulations of the University, except that the regulation requiring physical education does not apply to the granting of the law degree.

Admission to the School of Law is under the control of the Dean of the School of Law. Correspondence relative to entrance and to transfer of credits from other law schools should therefore be addressed to him.

Regular Students

An applicant for admission as a regular student in the School of Law must be at least nineteen years of age, and must present evidence that he is of good moral character; that he has passed the medical examination; that he has fulfilled the general entrance requirements of the University; and that he has satisfactorily completed two full years, with credits amounting to at least 60 semester-hours, exclusive of physical training, in the College of Arts and Sciences, or the equivalent in another approved institution. Students pre-

paring for the law are urged to arrange their courses so as to get at least one year's work in each of the following subjects: English, History, Economics, and Government.

Special Students

In rare cases, a person twenty-three years of age not meeting the foregoing scholarship requirements may be admitted as a special student, if he satisfies the Dean of the School of Law that he is of good moral character, possesses sufficient capacity, training, experience, and industry to enable him to profit by the instruction offered, and that he will not be a hindrance to the school. Such a person cannot receive credit for work done nor be a candidate for a degree. If such student proves unsatisfactory, he will be dropped from the school. The Association of American Law Schools provides in its articles of association that the number of special students "admitted each year shall not exceed ten per cent of the average number of regular students admitted by the school as beginning law students during the two preceding years." The school applies this rule. A special student who successfully completes the three-year course will be given a certificate so stating.

Advanced Standing

An applicant who is qualified to enter the School of Law as a candidate for a degree, and who has satisfactorily completed one or more years of resident work in a law school of good standing, having a three-year course, and approved by the faculty of this school, will be given equivalent rank in this school upon presenting a properly authenticated certificate of such work, together with a certificate of good moral character. The right is reserved to give credit only on examination and to withdraw credit if the student's work in this school is unsatisfactory. All persons who intend to apply for advanced standing under the above rule should forward or present their credentials to the Dean of the school before the opening of the particular session which the student desires to attend.

Registration

All students must matriculate in person at the office of the Dean. For dates of matriculation see page 8 of this bulletin. Classes meet September 22. The classes meet in the second semester on February 2, 1931. Matriculation for

the second semester is on February 2 and 3, 1931. An extra fee is charged for late matriculation. An additional fee of \$2.00 is charged for late payment of dues.

The prospective student must present (1) evidence of good character, (2) certificate of physical examination, (3) official statement containing a full record of previous college work, including the credits on entrance, with an honorable discharge from such college, or, if he is the holder of a degree, his diploma, or a certificate showing that he was graduated from such college.

Graduation

The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL. B.) will be conferred upon a candidate therefor who has credit for 76 semester-hours distributed over a period equal to three scholastic years, who is of good moral character, and who has complied with the following conditions:

1. He must have been a resident at this school for at least one year next preceding the granting of the degree.
2. The work done during his last year must not have been counted toward a law degree elsewhere.
3. An average grade of at least C (70) must be made on all courses taken for credit during the last year in this school.
4. Not more than nine semester-hours with a grade of D in any one year can be counted toward a law degree.

Candidates for the LL. B. degree having the highest average grade, not to exceed ten per cent of the graduating class, may, by vote of the Law faculty, be awarded the degree *cum laude*. No one shall be eligible who shall have taken elsewhere more than one-third of the work offered for this degree. The average grade shall be based on work done in this school only; but to receive the degree *cum laude* a transfer from another college must have at least a B average in law courses in the school previously attended.

The law degree will not be conferred upon anyone markedly deficient in English, nor upon anyone who has not completed all the work in the first year, which is prescribed.

Six-Year Combination for A. B. and LL. B. Degrees

The degree of Bachelor of Arts will be conferred on a student who (1) has complied with the general require-

ments for the A. B. degree, (2) has received credit for ninety semester-hours of college work (exclusive of physical training), at least thirty semester-hours of which must have been taken in residence at Southern Methodist University, and (3) has in addition satisfactorily completed two years of work in the School of Law of Southern Methodist University. Courses are listed below in a suggested schedule:

Freshman Year: English 1, 2; foreign language 11, 12, or other intermediate courses, 6 hours; science, 6 or 8 hours; mathematics 0, 3, or 6 hours according to high school units presented; a social science, 6 hours; electives to bring total to 30 hours. Physical Education 1a, 2a or 5a, 6a.

Sophomore Year: English 11, 12; foreign language, intermediate or advanced, 6 hours; science, 6 or 8 hours; social science, 6 hours; electives, 6 hours. Physical Education 11a, 12a or 15a, 16a.

Junior Year: English, advanced, 6 hours; foreign language, 6 hours (not required, if three or more high school units in language were presented for entrance); Religion 21, 22; social science, 6 hours; electives, 6 hours, or 12 hours.

Upon completion of the third year of the law course the student will be entitled to receive the LL. B. degree.

By taking the combination curriculum, the student may obtain both the A. B. degree and the LL. B. degree in six years.

Students who have completed the courses listed above and desire to spend another year in the College of Arts and Sciences will be able to major in English, general literature, a language, or a social science, and obtain the A. B. degree.

Six-Year Combination for B. S. in Commerce and LL. B. Degrees

The degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce will be conferred on a student who (1) has complied with the general requirements for the B. S. in Commerce degree, (2) has received credit for ninety semester-hours of college work (exclusive of physical training), at least thirty semester-hours of which must have been taken in residence at Southern Methodist University, and (3) has in addition satisfactorily completed two years of work in the School of Law of Southern Methodist University.

A program of study is listed below in a suggested schedule:

Freshman Year: English 1, 2; a social science; a science (Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Physics); Mathematics (0, 3, or 6 hours, according to high-school units presented); electives sufficient to bring total to 30 hours; Physical Education 1a, 2a, or 5a, 6a.

Sophomore Year: English 11, 12; Commerce 33, 34; Accounting 41d, 42d; a science (Geography, Psychology, Philosophy, or Mathe-

matics); elective (a social science suggested); Physical Education 11a, 12a, or 15a, 16a.

Junior Year: English, advanced; Commerce 53, 54; Finance 55, 56; Religion 21, 22; an elective, School of Commerce.

Upon completion of the third year of the law course, the student will be entitled to receive the LL. B. degree.

By taking the combination curriculum, the student may obtain both the B. S. in Commerce degree and the LL. B. degree in six years.

Students who have completed the courses listed above and desire to spend another year in the School of Commerce will be granted the degree in Commerce upon completion of thirty additional semester-hours, including Commerce 73, 74, and another six-hour advanced course in Commerce.

Admission to the Bar

A graduate of the School of Law is entitled, under the laws of Texas and the orders of the Supreme Court of Texas, to receive a license to practice in all the Courts of Texas, upon filing with the clerk of the Supreme Court proper application therefor.

Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$78.50 a semester each are offered to students of the School of Law. Requirements under which the scholarships are offered are determined by the Dean of the School of Law.

Expenses

Tuition and registration fees, each semester	\$120.00
Library deposit, returnable less deductions for damages and fines	5.00
Library fee (each semester)	5.00
Medical fee (each semester)	3.00
Board in dormitory (a semester)	126.00
Room (a semester— $\frac{1}{2}$ room)	27.00 to 65.00
Room deposit	10.00
(Books will cost about \$45.00 a year.)	

(Students in the School of Law are not required to live in a dormitory.)

THE LAW CURRICULUM**1929-1930****First Year**

- AGENCY, including Workmen's Compensation. Two hours a week, both semesters. Goddard, Cases on Agency, second edition. Mr. Harding.
- CONTRACTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. Williston, Cases on Contract, second edition. Mr. Harding.
- CRIMINAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Mikell, Cases on Criminal Law, second edition. Mr. Potts.
- LEGAL BIBLIOGRAPHY. One hour a week, both semesters. Morgan, Introduction to the Study of Law. Hicks, Materials and Methods for Legal Research. Mr. Ray.
- PROPERTY Ia. Two hours a week, first semester. Bigelow, Cases on Personal Property. Mr. Potts.
- PROPERTY Ib. Three hours a week, second semester. Bigelow, Cases on Rights in Land. Mr. Rhea.
- TORTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. Bohlen, Cases on Torts, second edition. Mr. Ray.

Second Year

- CIVIL PROCEDURE. Three hours a week, both semesters. Green, Cases on Civil Procedure in Trial Courts. Mr. Price.
- EQUITY. Three hours a week, both semesters. Cook, Cases on Equity, one volume edition. Mr. Holland.
- PROPERTY II. Three hours a week, first semester; two hours a week, second semester. Aigler, Cases on Titles. Mr. Rhea.

Third Year

- APPELLATE PROCEDURE. One hour a week, both semesters. Green, Cases on Civil Procedure in Texas Appellate Courts. Mr. Price.
- CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Evans, Cases on Constitutional Law, second edition. Mr. Potts.
- EVIDENCE. Two hours a week, both semesters. Hinton, Cases on Evidence. Mr. Ray.
- PROPERTY III. Three hours a week, first semester. Powell, Cases on Future Interests. Mr. Rhea.

Courses Open to Second and Third Year Students

- ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW. Three hours a week, second semester. Keedy, Cases on Administration of the Criminal Law; Potts, Cases on Criminal Procedure. Mr. Potts.
Not given in 1930-31.
- BILLS AND NOTES. Three hours a week, first semester. Smith and Moore, Cases on Bills and Notes, second edition. Mr. Ray.
- CONFLICT OF LAWS. Three hours a week, second semester. Lorenzen, Cases on Conflict of Laws, second edition. Mr. Harding.
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS. Two hours a week, first semester. Madden, Cases on Domestic Relations. Mr. Rhea.
Not given in 1930-31.
- MORTGAGES. Three hours a week, second semester. Parks, Cases on Mortgages. Mr. Rhea.
Not given in 1930-31.
- PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. Two hours a week, both semesters. Richards, Cases on Private Corporations, second edition. Mr. Harding.
Not given in 1930-31.
- PUBLIC UTILITIES. Three hours a week, first semester. Robinson, Cases on Public Utilities. Mr. Harding.
- MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS. Three hours a week, second semester. Tooke, Cases on Municipal Corporations. Mr. Potts.
Not given in 1930-31.
- WILLS AND ADMINISTRATION. Three hours a week, second semester. Mechem and Atkinson, Cases on Wills and Administration. Mr. Rhea.
- TRUSTS. Three hours a week, second semester. Scott, Cases on Trusts. Mr. Ray.

This curriculum is subject to change without notice.

(For more detailed information, see the School of Law Bulletin.)